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President

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The Honorable Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
1949 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and its member companies continue to be grateful for the strong engagement between the Department of Interior and the electric power sector. As you know, your senior staff have worked closely with EEI and our member companies in the past 18 months on a wide range of important public policy objectives.

The broad array of issues under the DOI umbrella—especially siting and permitting of critically needed energy infrastructure—will be highlighted during our September 4-6 Board of Directors meetings at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. I would like to formally invite you to join members of our Executive Committee for a private dinner on September 4 and to address our full Board the morning of September 5. Alternatively, we could accommodate you later in the day on September 5, or even the morning of September 6.

As a reminder, EEI is the trade association for the nation's investor-owned electric companies, and our members deliver electricity to 220 million customers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our September CEO sessions would be an ideal venue for you to interact with the top executives from energy companies in EEI's membership.

Considering your prominent role in the Administration, our CEOs would be very interested in hearing your views about a wide range of public policy priorities involving energy, federal lands and natural resources issues, including the paramount importance of easing barriers to the siting and permitting of critically needed energy infrastructure, such as transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. We would also appreciate your thoughts on DOI's pending reorganization and ongoing regulatory reform efforts generally.

We would envision remarks of approximately 30 minutes, followed by a brief question-and-answer period. We are sensitive to demands on your time and remain flexible regarding your schedule. As a planning matter, our CEO meetings are entirely closed to the media.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 202-508-5555 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Kuhn", written in a cursive style.

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